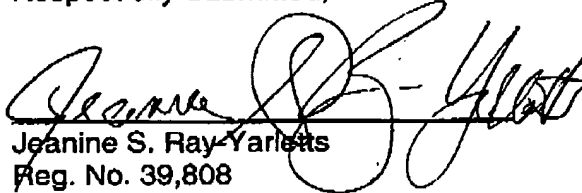


PATENT**IBM Docket No. RAL919970043US5****REMARKS**

Claims 30-33 remain in the application. Claim 30 has been amended to incorporate the all of the limitations of the base claims from which it depends. By virtue of this amendment, claims 31-33 also incorporate all of the limitations of the base claims from which they depend. Claim 30 has also been amended to clarify the "LAN switches" indicated by the claims which overcomes the Examiner's first objection to claims 30 - 33. There was a minor typographical error in claim 32 which has also been corrected.

In view of the present amendments, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of all remaining claims at the present time.

Respectfully Submitted,



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